

## DATA FLOW CONTROL UNIT

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is generally an apparatus and  
5 method for regulating data flow of information based on a  
position of a key in a lock assembly. More particularly,  
an illustrative embodiment includes a mechanical lock that  
is activated by turning a key to an enabling or disabling  
position. Depending on a position of the key in the lock  
10 assembly, an electronic circuit enables a flow of data to  
a target network.